

90th Legislative Session – 2015

Committee: Senate State Affairs

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

P - Present
E - Excused
A - Absent

Roll Call

P Holien
P Hunhoff (Bernie)
P Lederman
P Otten (Ernie)
P Soholt
P Solano
P Sutton
P Brown, Vice-Chair
P Rave, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Senator Tim Rave.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEB. 6, 2015

Moved by: Sutton
Second by: Brown
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEB. 9, 2015

Moved by: Sutton
Second by: Brown
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

SB 121: prospectively repeal the death penalty.

Presented by: Senator Bernie Hunhoff, (#1, #2)

Proponents: Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of SD
Senator Arthur Rusch, (#3)
Frank Thompson, SD Alternative to Death Penalty
Leonard Eberle, Self, Rapid City
Traci Smith, Self, Sioux Falls
Mark Meierhenvy, Self, Sioux Falls

Opponents: Marty Jackley, Attorney General
Aaron McGowan, Self, Sioux Falls
Mark Vargo, Self, Rapid City
Jim Seward, Office of the Governor
Paul Bachand, SD State Attorneys Association
Peggy Schaeffer, Self, Black Hawk
Ed Schaeffer, Self, Black Hawk
Staci Ackerman, South Dakota Sheriffs Association

Others read from Register by Sen. Rave as Proponents:

Libby Skarin, ACLU of SD
Sister Ramona Fallon, Benedictine Sisters of Watertown
Sister Gabriella Crowley, Self, Sioux Falls
Representative Steve Hickey
Susan Thompson, Self, Colman
Connie Irwin, Pax Christi
Florence Moeller, Self, Brookings
Karla Gnrik, Self, Brookings
Mark Meierhenry, Self, Sioux Falls
Travis Benson, Catholic Diocese Of Sioux Falls
Dennis Davis, South Dakotans For An Alternative To The Death Penalty
Leona Weilaid, Self, Sioux Falls
Rev. Dr. Karen Soli, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Americal, Sioux Falls
Jenae Hansen, National Association of Social Workers-South Dakota
Lindsey Riter-Rapp, South Dakota Association Of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Roger Tellinghuisen, Self, Rapid City
Rev. Karl Kroger, Self, Piedmont

Others read from Register by Sen. Rave as Opponents:

Paul S. Svedland, SDAC
Lorin Pankratz, Self, Sioux Falls

Rebuttal: Mark Meierhenry, Self, Sioux Falls

MOTION: DO PASS SB 121

Moved by: Sutton
Second by: Hunhoff (Bernie)
Action: Was not acted on.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: DEFER SB 121 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Lederman
Second by: Brown
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote. (7-2-0-0)

Voting Yes: Holien, Lederman, Otten (Ernie), Soholt, Solano, Brown, Rave

Voting No: Hunhoff (Bernie), Sutton

SB 122: revise provisions related to the death penalty.

Presented by: Senator Bernie Hunhoff, (#4)
Proponents: Representative Steve Hickey
Travis Benson, Catholic Diocese Of Sioux Falls
Dennis Davis, South Dakotans For An Alternative To The Death Penalty
Representative Timothy Johns
Opponents: Marty Jackley, Attorney General
Paul Bachand, South Dakota State's Attorneys Association
Mark Vargo, Rapid City, self
Aaron McGowan, Sioux Falls, self

Others registered as Proponents:
Rt. Rev. John Tarrant, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of SD
Libby Skarin, ACLU of SD
Susan Thompson, Self, Colman
Connie Irwin, Pax Christi
Frank Thompson, SD Alternative to Death Penalty
Leona Weilaid, Self, Sioux Falls
Rev. Dr. Karen Soli, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Americal, Sioux Falls
Jenae Hansen, National Association of Social Workers-South Dakota

Others registered as Opponents:
Paul S. Svedland, SDAC
Lorin Pankratz, Self, Sioux Falls

Rebuttal: Roger Tellinghuisen, Self, Rapid City

MOTION: DO PASS SB 122

Moved by: Sutton

Second by: Hunhoff (Bernie)

Action: Was not acted on.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: DEFER SB 122 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Lederman

Second by: Brown

Action: Prevailed by roll call vote. (7-2-0-0)

Voting Yes: Holien, Lederman, Otten (Ernie), Soholt, Solano, Brown, Rave

Voting No: Hunhoff (Bernie), Sutton

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Brown

Second by: Lederman

Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

Theresa Riggs
Committee Secretary

Tim Rave, Chair